

REMARKS

Applicants graciously acknowledge the allowance of claims 1, 3, 7-19, 22, 28, 29, and 33.

Claims 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because claim 4 recites the limitation "said glass material," which lacks antecedent basis. Office Action at 2. Claim 4 has been amended to correct this informality. Therefore, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 30 is objected to for being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Office Action at 6. Claim 20, from which canceled claim 30 depended, has been amended to include all limitations of canceled claim 30. Accordingly, claim 20, along with claims 21, 23-25, and 27 dependent thereon, are now in a condition for allowance.

Claims 20, 21, 23-25, and 27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 00/48196 ("196 application") in view of Sandhu. As noted above, independent claim 20 has been amended and is in a condition for allowance.

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In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

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